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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENT: President's Message

To the Members and Friends of NCNA:

As we prepare for the Holidays and end of the 1991, I believe that all-in-all the Association and the coin hobby in general have done quite well. When we look at the overall picture, considering the state of our economy both locally and nationally, numismatics continues to thrive in the face of many adversities.

Even though the Slab Market is extremely slow and precious metals continue to decline both in value and popularity, the Collector Market remains very strong. It is simply a wonderful time to add coins to your collections, both from the standpoint of price but also availability as well.

As the dawning of the new year begins, we can look forward to many new challenges and a renewed desire and dedication to make our wonderful hobby strong and vibrant. These new goals can be attained in many ways and on a variance of level. From the grass-roots of support and involvement in our local coin clubs and their coin club shows to regional involvement and participation in our Association itself, we strongly encourage each NCNA Club Member to send at least one delegate to each and every one of our Association's Board of Directors meetings, so that Club Members may get a 'first-hand-look' at NCNA itself and its future goals.

I firmly believe that we as the total NCNA Board of Directors need to get more involved on the local coin club level and help encourage more education and cooperation between the coin clubs themselves and NCNA itself. Since we will not be sponsoring a Show in 1992, due to the tentative sale of the Cathedral Hill Hotel plus possible renovation closure as a result as well as other factors, I feel that in 1992 the energy and effort of our Association should be directed toward hobby awareness in our communities and education about our hobby of numismatics among our own coin hobbyists and the general public.

Let us all look forward to 1992 with a renewed spirit and dedication to our hobby and to what we can, on whatever level, to make new friends and to introduce our hobby to as many new people as possible, especially our young people.

With these goals in mind, let us all go forth and make 1992 a positive growth year for our hobby.

Numismatically Yours,

*Ronald L. Miller*

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President



THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

This Editorial will be much more personal in tone than many of my prior ones, but to have the effect, I must mention names candidly and directly. Please forget any misunderstanding. Thanks.

Recently, Stephen Bersch, who is the President of the Alameda Coin Club, and I were conversing about the Alameda Coin Club and other coin clubs in general, when he remarked that if it were not for Willard Spiersch, long-time and respected Club booster and activist, who is in his eighties, the Alameda Coin Club "would die".

His remark, not to be rude nor cruel, is the truth, the whole and nothing but the truth, and the hard honest fact is that this condition is not unique to just the Alameda Coin Club. It is evident that if I gave-up both the Vallejo Numismatic Society and Solano Silver Round Club both would collapse. If Jan Henke called it quits, the Fairfield Coin Club would suffer. If Helen and Roy Roberts stopped, the Redwood Empire Coin Club would also stop. If Fred G. van den Haak slowed down, the Peninsula Coin Club would also slow down. Years ago, the late Maxine Bryce carried the load for the exalted Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, and enough evidence can be proven that Edward Sins has done the same for years for our Association (NCNA) or that Syd Kass continues, after years, for Delta Coin Club nor should Maurice and Judy Ortiz be forgotten for carrying the burden recently in the Diablo Numismatic Society. I am confident that there are others.

What is the problem? Are coin club members so indifferent that their individual selfishness abuses others? Is a coin club only viable as one or two members? Is a coin club only as good as one or two members?

Something is radically wrong, if a coin club's fate rests solely upon the life and breath of one or two members. Where have the members gone? Is there a mythical land that they disappear to? Does paying dues absolve one of any service?

Something is obviously unfair, if a coin club's condition is measured by every member depending upon one member. What type of conscience do these members have? Can they sleep at nights? Why did they join?

Something is tragically amissed, if a coin club's future is banked by the very life and energy of so few members. Is the very core of our hobby chained to the fate of a few? Is there no future to pass on?

My writing here is to spark, not to offer ideas. My message here is to question, not to offer answers. My point here is to announce, not to offer silence. My objective is to remind all that our coin clubs cannot, and must not be locked, to the health, whims, and times of just one or two members.

Having written such a noble expression, I must also forge same on the anvil of reality by thanking those few, so few, who with tireless energy and continued time serve the selfish indifferent many.

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

No Show in 1992

NCNA will NOT have a Show in 1992. This decision was influenced by three factors: uncertainty in the continued poor coin market, changes in ownership with the Cathedral Hill Hotel, and scheduling conflicts in the initially proposed dates. NCNA intends to postpone work on what would have been this year's San Francisco International Coin Show and direct time and energy into the 1993 event. NCNA regrets any inconvenience this action might have caused, and questions may be directed to NCNA President Ron Miller at '510-792-1511'.

1991 Dues

Are now due! Enclosed with this Issue is your 1992 Dues Notice. Please reply. Your prompt remittance would be appreciated.

Dues rates are: \$5.00 for Individual Members and \$10.00 for Club Members. Mail to: 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590'.

NCNA Heads and Tales

With this Issue, NCNA Heads and Tales will be on this schedule below:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Anticipated Mailings</u>
January, #1	December 1st	by January 21st (Dr. King's Day)
May, #2	April 1st	by May 14th (Mother's Day)
September, #3	August 1st	by September 1st (Labor Day)

The above schedule is fixed, and the planned mailing dates should, in reality, be much earlier.

Apparently, NCNA Heads and Tales readers have no objections nor questions on this new schedule, since only one written comment was sent in response to the original announcement in the October 1991 Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales. Any comments, constructive and critical, are always welcomed.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Has NOT been announced as this Issue goes to the printer. Details will be mailed later.

NCNA Heads and Tales Wooden Dollar

As a token to NCNA Heads and Tales readers loyalty and continued membership in our Association, one wooden dollar as was placed with the Tenth Anniversary Issue last April 1991 has been included with this Issue. Only a few remain. If interested, remit one dollar (\$1.00) plus SASE to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590'.



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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these coin clubs:

Liberty Numismatic Society  
Fremont Coin Club  
Gateway Coin Club  
Delta Coin Club  
Peninsula Coin Club  
Fresno Numismatic Society  
Napa Valley Coin Club  
Redwood Empire Coin Club  
Solano Silver Round Club  
Stanislaus County Coin Club  
Sacramento Valley Coin Club  
Greater Houston Coin Club  
Livermore Valley Coin Club  
Cupertino Coin Club  
San Jose Coin Club  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
Diablo Numismatic Society  
San Francisco Coin Club  
Fairfield Coin Club  
Vallejo Numismatic Society

Liberty Numismatic Society Held at its October 1st meeting its eagerly anticipated Annual Book Auction: "Looking Back, guest auctioneer STEPHEN HUSTON squeezed every last penny out of a roomful of hungry book lovers at our Annual Book Sale. An alltime record amount of \$823.70 was taken in amid some very spirited bidding. Thanks to STEVE and runner DOUG DANIELS for a rewarding and entertaining event. The Book Sale has a way of drawing literary figures from all over Northern California, and this year was no exception. Guests spotted among the thirty-five bidders at October's meeting included KIRBY BROWN, VIRGINIA KING, RANDY LANTZ, TOM LOVELACE, HERB MILES, LARRY and LORI REPPETEAU, RICK WEBSTER, and CHUCK WHITE".

Fremont Coin Club Writes that its 1992 Officers are: RON MILLER, President, VINCE LACARIERE, Vice-President, CARL SYNDER, Second Vice-President, JIM BARTON, Treasurer, IRIS ATKINSON, Recording Secretary, STEPHEN BOURG, Corresponding Secretary, and ADRIANNA BOURG, Junior Vice-President. These Officers will be formally installed at the FCC's Annual Installation Banquet on January 25, 1992. Two fine speakers were scheduled for the FCC's November meetings: DAVID W. LANGE, November 12th, 'The Challenge of Collecting Modern United States Coins' and J. MARK ROGERS, November 26th, on Security and Security Systems. The October Issue of the FCC's Double Eagle reported that FCC member KURT SCHULTZ had participated in a cross-country walk-a-thon, but due to illness was forced to stop at 687 miles and four months travel. The Editor asked, "KURT, did you visit any coin shops along the way?".



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Gateway Coin Club Writes that it heard at its November 21st meeting DAVID S. MICHAELS of Visalia presenting 'An Introduction to Ancient Coins'. The GCC held its Annual Christmas Banquet last December 12th at the Cask 'Clever in Merced. Although details are not clear, apparently GCC members coordinated by LILA ANDERSON prepared and decorated a Christmas Tree for the Merced County Court House Museum. Ornaments were coins!

Delta Coin Club Writes that it has the dates for these DCC's events"

1992 Coin Show	October 17th and 18th	Eagles' Hall
1993 Coin Show	October 16th and 17th	Eagles' Hall
Club Picnic	August 9th, Sunday	Micke Grove, Lodi

The DCC Editor SYD KASS is always candid and direct, and Your Editor will allow SYD to preach his message about drawing ticket sales: "It was felt that to help sponsor all the Club events and numerous free drawings, etc. Speaking of "GOOD-GUYS", member DON LEE donated \$10.00 to the Club just for general purposes since he was unable to attend a meeting or the Show to turn in his ticket stubs which he purchased himself. Thanks, DON. Hope that your working hours will allow you to attend next year's Coin Show".

Peninsula Coin Club Has begun publishing articles in its monthly newsletter that have been submitted by members. Three articles have been done by DENNIS LOTSPEICH, 'Why Do We Collect--Anything?' 'Why Collect Coin Club Rounds?', and 'Where Should I Store my Valuables?' Another anonymous article was 'Cobalt and Its Uses'. The PCC mailing address is: 'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'.

Fresno Numismatic Society Heard DAVE MICHAELS talk on 'Ancient Coins' at its October 10th meeting. MARVIN MATLOCK presented a slide program on 'Assignats' at its November 12th meeting. The FNS' combined Banquet and Christmas Meeting was held on December 10th. LOREN GAITHER, Editor of the FNS' The Fresno Numismatist, decided to compare his inventory of his collection to Coin World's latest Trends, with most everything declining in value. His reaction: "You Know? Maybe it isn't so much fun after all to take a yearly inventory to find out how much money I'm losing. Oh Well! I'm glad I'm a hobbyist rather than an investor. As a hobbyist I can enjoy my coins no matter what Trends say they're worth. If I were an investor, I'd be embarrassed".

Napa Valley Coin Club Continues its Theme Nights. October 16th meeting was the NVCC's Second Annual Foreign Coin Night: "There's a whole world of coins out there, from abazis to zolotniks and we will be featuring them at our Second Annual Foreign Coin Night. Why not help make this meeting really special? Bring foreign coin display stories, bring foreign lots for the auction, and drive to the meeting in a foreign car".



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Redwood Empire Coin Club Celebrates this March 25, 1992, the Fourth Wednesday evening, its Five Hundredth (500th) Meeting having been found on March 26, 1949. The RECC is planning a special auction to raise funds for this Club. This milestone meeting will be held at Orchard Park Recreation Center, 1945 Piner Road, in Santa Rosa. An appeal is made to all former RECC members to attend as well as coin hobbyists. Write to: 'RECC, PO Box 9013, Santa Rosa, California, 95405'.

Solano Silver Round Club First writes that it apologizes for the delay in mailing out the third medal, 1991 issue, in its seven year Second World War Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary Silver Round Series. Purchasers should be receiving their medal by January 20th. The 1991 issue honored the Day of Infamy and had a mintage of 112 (.999 fine one ounce silver rounds). The SSRC is now taking orders for the fourth medal, 1992 issue, in this series, for the 'North African Campaign'. Price is \$18.00 each postpaid. Remit same to: 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590'. The SSRC has elected its 1992 Officers: STAN TURRINI, President, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, Treasurer, and JAN HENKE, Secretary. The SSRC continues to hold its Quarterly Drawings: the September earned \$180.00 and the December earned \$130.00.

Stanislaus County Coin Club Writes its new Officers are: LAMAR HAWTHORNE, President, ROGER ELSBERRY, Vice-President, LES FOSTERMAN, Secretary, HAL DEBOARD, Recording Secretary, and JERRY HIESINGER, Corresponding Secretary. JERRY HIESINGER is the new Editor, and he has a problem: "I have, and many times wished I had someone to talk to about my hobby. My problem is that I like to collect BU coins. Sometimes, BU to me is someone else's AU. This could cause a problem in my 'BU' collection. Are any of you members in the same boat? Let's get together".

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Writes that NEIL TIGNER made SVCC history at its September 25th meeting being the first Junior Member to present a program which was a slide program on United States Paper Money. BO BORICH at the October 23th meeting gave a program on Counterfeit Detection. November 27th meeting was scheduled to be a group presentation; details yet to be reported. December 11st was the SVCC's Super Auction. SVCC 1992 Officers are: BOB BANDY, President, MITCH BLACHUT, Vice-President, BUD BRAKOWIECHI, Recording Secretary, and RAY TISSER, Treasurer.

Greater Houston Coin Club Mailed a November Issue of its Double Shift which featured a short but informative article on AMCs by BOB JONES. AMC means 'Allied Military Currency'. The GHCC will send its Double Shift to those coin clubs willing to exchange one-for-one. Write to: 'PO Box 2963, Houston, Texas, 74001'.

Livermore Valley Coin Club Reports that DOUG DANIELS spoke on "Philippine Coins Under United States Dominion" at its November 19th meeting. If a LVCC member brings a guest to a meeting and the guest joins the LVCC, the member receives a silver quarter.



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Cupertino Coin Club Held its Annual Youth Night at its October 4th meeting with Youth Vice-President ED SZETELA presenting 'How To Collect Other Numismatic Collectables', the theme being do not limit your collecting. RON MILLER spoke at the November 1st meeting on the 'State of the Hobby', based on his seventeen years in the hobby. October 5th was the date of the CCC's Seventh Annual Banquet at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant. The October Issue of CCC's Coin Press published a short history of the Club's First Year, well-written sincere remembrances by KATHERINE RAY. The Club was founded in March 1970, and its Charter Members were:

#1--Frank Nielsen*	#13--Phil Solomon*
#2--Douglas Mitchell	#14--Kent Thomas
#3--Don Konetski	#15--Ray Erkson
#4--Andy Roth	#16--Kaurice Regnart
#5--David Roth	#17--John F. Kera
#6--Ron Mathews	#18--James D. Jordan
#7--Jim Hornby	#19--John Couger
#8--Phil Mathews	#20--James Rawen
#9--Henry Hornby	#21--Richard Douglas*
#10--Keith Wandry*	#22--Ron Lawrence
#11--Cameron Wandry*	
#12--Alfred Smith	

\* Still Active

Both RON LAWRENCE and FRANK NIELSEN were among the first Officers of the newly founded CCC back in 1970, and both have served an office continuously since the Club was founded in 1970.

San Jose Coin Club Heard LARRY BENSON on 'A Timely Talk on Coin Investing' at its October 9th meeting. GARY ACQUISTAPACE spoke on Recent Coinage of the Caribbean at the November 13th meeting. The SJCC meets on the second Wednesday evening of each month at the American Legion Hall, Post 318, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, in San Jose. To clarify SJCC mailing addresses: address corrections and membership information, mail to 'PO Box 5075, San Jose, 95150' and club business, mail to 'PO Box 5621, San Jose, 95150'.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Earned \$296.20 in its Annual White Elephant Auction last September 25th. October 23rd meeting heard STEPHEN HUSTON on 'Roman Myth, Religion, and Magic In Numismatics'. DR. PAUL HOLTZMAN spoke on 'Handy Numismatics' at its November 27th meeting, a review of coins with "disembodied hands as examples of numismatic nonverbal communications". PCNS mourns the passing of two of its members: ERICH WERLING, who joined PCNS in 1936, and GROVER CAGLE, who was famous for his Mostly Minors collection. PCNS Bulletin Editor DR. PAUL HOLTZMAN has resigned, after writing for the past five years.

Diablo Numismatic Society Its Diablo Die Break has a new Editor, STEWART HUCKABY, and he sent the November Issue because he had "waited for the message". The DNS has adopted new By-Laws as written by its Vice-President STAN TURRINI. December 19th was the date for the DNS' Annual Christmas Party, and the SYD KASS spoke at the October 17th meeting.



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San Francisco Coin Club Heard HANS HANSSON talk on 'Know Your Dollar' at the SFCC's October 22nd meeting. November 26th meeting was the Club's year-end Auction. December 17th meeting was the SFCC's Club Banquet held at the Barbary Coast on West Portal. The SFCC, and PCNS, mourn the sudden death of a most respected gentleman, ROY PLEIS; ROY was both the SFCC and PCNS Treasurer. SFCC mailing addresses are 'Two Cents Worth, PO Box 31544, San Francisco, CA, 94131-0544' and 'SFCC, PO Box 22039, San Francisco, CA, 94122-0039'.

Fairfield Coin Club Heard JOSEF KLAUS talk on Paper Money at its October 23rd meeting, its First Paper Money Night. November 27th was the Club's Annual White Elephant Auction. The FCC cancels its meeting each December, but joints with its neighbor the Vallejo Numismatic Society to hold their Joint Christmas Party; this year's on December 14th was the two groups Fifth Annual Joint Christmas Party. The FCC plans its Third Annual Fairfield Coin Show this September 27, 1992 at Solano Community College. Both the FCC and Vallejo Numismatic Society have received permission to use the world-famous Anheuser-Busch 'A & Eagle' logo on a joint silver round issue. Price is \$20.00 each postpaid. Deadline for Orders is February 15, 1992; mail to: 'FCC, PO Box 944, Fairfield, CA, 94533'.

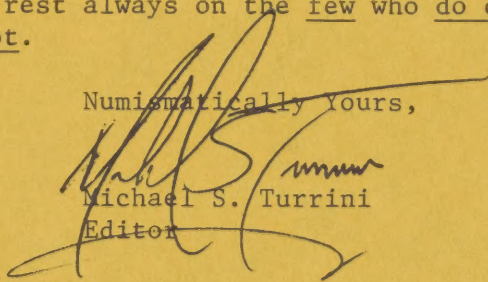
Vallejo Numismatic Society The new word at VNS' meetings is GOLD! PAT PENN who in September took-over the VNS's meeting drawings has built-it-up to where the top prize is a \$5.00 gold Half Eagle, or two \$5.00 gold Half Eagles, or one \$10.00 gold Eagle, and not the recent bullion gold coins, but the real pre-1932 United States gold coinage. The VNS has elected its 1992 Officers: CRAIG BLACKWOOD, President, JOE SIROIS, Vice-President, KEN SPINGOLA, Secretary, and STAN TURRINI, Treasurer. April 26, 1992 is the date for the VNS' Twentieth (20th) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectables Show at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street at End North Camino Alto, in Vallejo. The one-day Show will feature a forty-five table Bourse, Exhibits, collector meetings, speakers, Information and Youth Table, and much more! Write to: 'VNS, PO Box 4281, Vallejo, CA, 94590'.

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Having preached such an idealistic plea, I must also close with the heavy weight of reality shouldered that fate and failure and success and survival of coin clubs, and all of mankind, in the end rest always on the few who do care counterbalancing the selfish many who do not.

Numismatically Yours,

  
Michael S. Turrini  
Editor





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This listing of Northern California coin shows is issued and distributed free of charge to coin clubs and to members of the association. If you wish to have your non-profit club-sponsored show listed, please send information to Edward Sins, PO Box 5075, San Jose, 95150-5075. Details should include date and show location, name and address of contact, bourse fee, and the sponsoring club.

- Dec. 8                      CONCORD. Diablo Num. Soc. 30th annual show, Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd. Bourse: Maurice Ortiz, P.O. Box 5096, Concord CA 94524.
- Jan. 17-19                SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin Club 24th annual show, Old San Jose Conv Center, Market & San Carlos Sts. Bourse: Ken Barr, P.O. Box 5621, San Jose 95150.
- Feb. 22-23                CUPERTINO. Cupertino Coin Club 22nd annual show, De Anza College Student Center, Stevens Creek Blvd. Bourse: Ray Johnson (408) 973-1606.
- March 29                   NAPA. Napa Valley Coin Club 28th an. Coin Show, Napa Town & Country Fairgnds, 575 Third St. Bourse George Feierstein, P.O. Box 3583, Napa, 94558. (707) 252-7621. \$50/table.
- Apr. 11-12                RENO. Reno Coin Club 8th An Show, Bally's Casino Resort, 2500 E. Second St. Bourse: Douglas McDonald c/o Reno Coin Club, P.O. Box 11304, Reno Nev. 89510.
- Apr. 26                    VALLEJO. Vallejo Num. Soc. 20th annual show, Dan Foley Park Cultural Center, Tolumne St at End North Camino Alto. Bourse: Maurice Ortiz, P.O. Box 5096, Concord, CA 95524, (415) 935-4663.
- Aug. 2                     FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club 20th An Coin Show, Elks' Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr. Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, 94538. (\$55/table)







